population is 14,22,875, and with the subsequent increase it is estimated to be about 14 6,000.

STUDENTS REMOVED FROM THE ROLLS OF THE MAHARAJA'S COLLEGE

74. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the names of students whose names were removed from the rolls of the Maharaja's College Register for their having taken part in the alleged disturbances in August, September and October 1942;

(*b*) what was the reason in each case for the removal;

(*c*) whether any of them sought re-admission to the College and with what results;

(*d*) if any student has been refused admission, the reason for the same?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*:

(*a*) The names of the following students were struck off the rolls.

	Class	*Group*	*Name*
1.	I	i	C. Sankarankutty
2.	do.		C. G. Vijayan
3.	I	ii	B. Sarvotha Pai
4.	I	iii	A. Sankaran
5.	do.		P. Vijayalekshmi
6.	II	i	P. K. Ahamad Unni
7.	III	iv A	M. V. Joseph
8.	III	iv B	T. Sivasankaran
9.	do.		K. Krishna Menon
10.	do.		P. Ramachandran
11.	IV	ii B	O. V. Kuruvilla
12.	do.		K. P. Parameswaran Nayar
13.	IV	iv B	M. Aravindakshan
14.	do.		T. R. Ayyappan
15.	do.		V. Ramankutty Menon
16.	IV	ii B	M. K. John
17.	IV	ii E	V. A. Syed Muhammad
18.	S. B. Sc.,	i	V. Balakrishna Menon
19.	II	i	P. Lekshmana Kumar
20.	II	ii	P. K. Balakrishnan

(*b*) Serial Nos. 1 to 15 for non-submission of the pledge to conform to College discipline and Nos. 16 to 20 for continued absence for more than 10 working days.

(*c*) Serial Nos. 1, 3, 5, 6, 11 and 12 were readmitted. Nos. 7, 8, 16, 17 and 18 were not readmitted though they sought admission.

(*d*) As they were "Expelled" from the College with an unsatisfactory record, the Principal using his discretion against readmitting them.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Sir, I may be allowed to put Question No. 75 also, a connected question, so that supplementaries may be followed in one strain.

Mr. President: Yes.

75. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Principal of the Maharaja's College had recommended to the Registrar of the Syndicate of the Madras University not to admit these students in any of the Colleges under the University.

(*b*) what were the orders of the University in this behalf?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*:

(*a*) No.

(*b*) No answer is necessary in view of answer to (*a*) above.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know, Sir, whether the answer to sub-division (*b*), (that is the reason for the removal) is exhaustive and conclusive. Is there any other reason?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: There is no other reason.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I also take it that the answer to sub-division (*c*) (the number who sought re-admission and the number re-admitted) is exhaustive.

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Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* As far as figures are available there is absolutely no omission. We have made a most exhaustive survey possible.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether No. 19 given in answer to sub-division (*a*) had also not applied for re-admission.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether that has been granted?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* No 19 is not seen here. No. 19 did not apply.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* In answer to sub-division (*c*) it is stated that numbers 1, 3, 5, 6, 11 and 12 were re-admitted. I am riveting the attention of the Government to No. 19, and want to know whether he is not one who sought re-admission.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Obviously he did not apply for re-admission. The answer is quite obvious. The Hon'ble Member wanted to know those who applied for re-admission and those who have been refused. The numbers referred to above had applied for re-admission and some were re-admitted and the others were refused. Obviously number 19 did not apply for re-admission.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* The Government has been pleased to tell us Sir, that No. 19 a second year student by name P. Leksmana Kumar had not applied for re-admission. I, as the guardian of the student, say that the answer is not correct.

Mr. President : That is not a supplementary question. It is not in order to make a remark by way of a supplementary question.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Mr. President, Sir, I may be allowed to make a statement. The question was whether this student had not applied for re-admission, and I have already answered that he did not apply.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I take it that the answer is No. 19 by himself did not apply.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* The question was whether the student No. 19 had applied. He did not.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether the guardian of the student had applied, or rather to be specific whether the father of the student had not repeatedly applied to the Government of Cochin requesting that the student may be re-admitted on the specific condition that the guardian would undertake for the proper conduct of the student.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* He had submitted a petition to the Diwan asking for the reconsideration of the question and seeking re-admission. The student had not applied to the Principal seeking re-admission. I took it like that and hence the omission.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri) :* With the kind permission of the Chair I would ask the question whether the guardian of the student had not applied.

Mr. President : The question, I think, has already been answered.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* In answer to that I said that the guardian of the boy had put in a petition to the Diwan.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* What was done with the petition of the guardian, Sir.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* The Government have disposed of that petition.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri) :* May I know what was the disposal of the petition? I want to make it known to the public of Cochin.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* It received the disposal that it deserved.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* I may answer that question, Sir. The father of the student did approach the Diwan to seek re-admission for his son. The son would not abide by the father's decision and even did not approve of the father approaching the Diwan, and so no action was taken on the petition.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* My supplementary question, Sir, is how the Government of Cochin disposed of that petition. I do not want Police interference in this, Sir. I expect a reply from the Government of Cochin, especially from the Director of Public Instruction.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I shall answer, Sir. There is nothing embarassing in this. The petition was forwarded to the appropriate authority

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concerned, *viz.*, the Principal and under the rules and directions of the University the Principal is the final authority in the matter of re-admission of the students who are subject to the discipline of the University. The Principal using his discretion said that the boy could not be re-admitted.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know Sir, which is the Principal, the present or the Principal who is on long furlough who suggested that course?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* The first refusal came from the Principal now on furlough which was endorsed by the present Principal.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* The first refusal came from the man on furlough. Was there any subsequent refusal?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* It was endorsed by the present Principal.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know Sir, whether Government did not inform the present Principal to re-admit No. 19 on the personal responsibility of the Principal? I put the question pointedly because I am in possession of your answer.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* If the Hon'ble Member is in possession of the answer then I need not answer it. May I say Sir, that in a matter like this the Government would not have committed an indiscretion of asking the Principal, when he has the discretion under the Rules of the University *i. e.* he has got the discretion to admit or not to admit.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to place on the table of this House, if not to-day at least tomorrow, the communication addressed to the Principal of the Maharja's College with regard to the re-admission of No. 19, if that won't cause tickling?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Sir, it is a confidential document. Already I have given many details. There is nothing tickling.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether the Government of Cochin did not inform the guardian concerned that he may approach the Principal in person in this behalf.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Might have.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I want to know whether the guardian had not been given an order to the effect that he may approach the present Principal in person.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretry to Government):* I think they have.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Are you not sure?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretry to Government):* I am speaking from memory. I have not got the paper here.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* In the answer to sub-division (c) it is stated numbers 7, 8, 16, 17 and 18 were not re-admitted though they sought admission. No. 19 is not seen in this.

Mr. President: He did not seek re-admission. The question is already answered.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakannathukavu):* May I know Sir, whether all applications including applications for admission in the case of minors should be signed by the guardians or by the minors themselves. Is there any Rule of the University or the Education Department that applications for admission should be signed by the students themselves?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* The applications for admission are always signed by the applicants themselves and in some cases counter-signed by the guardian, if the boy happens to be a minor.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* My specific question was whether in the case of minors the applications have to be signed by the guardians.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Are not these removals connected with the recent strike in the College?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* What is the supplementary question?

Roa Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Whether these removals were not in connection with the student's disturbances?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I hear the word strike.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Yes, strikes formed part of the students disturbances.

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